

**BEFORE THE
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Accusation)	
Against:)	
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Shreedhar Ramesh P. Abhyankar, M.D)	Case No. 800-2018-044568
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Physician's and Surgeon's)	
Certificate No. C 42869)	
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Respondent)	
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DECISION

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on June 24, 2019.

IT IS SO ORDERED June 17, 2019.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

By: 
Kimberly Kirchmeyer
Executive Director

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14 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 800-2018-044568

15 **SHREEDHAR RAMESH ABHYANKAR,**
16 **M.D.**

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**STIPULATED SURRENDER OF
LICENSE AND ORDER**

18 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**
19 **No. C 42869,**

Respondent.

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21 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-
22 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

23 **PARTIES**

24 1. Kimberly Kirchmeyer (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board
25 of California (Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in
26 this matter by Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by LeAnna E. Shields,
27 Deputy Attorney General.

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2. Shreedhar Ramesh P. Abhyankar, M.D. (Respondent) is representing himself in this proceeding and has chosen not to exercise his right to be represented by counsel.

3. On or about May 21, 1991, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C 42869 to Shreedhar Ramesh Abhyankar, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 800-2018-044568 and will expire on July 31, 2020, unless renewed.

4. On or about March 22, 2019, an Interim Order Imposing License Restrictions was issued pursuant to Government Code section 11529 which required Respondent to continue psychiatric treatment pending further order from the Medical Board of California. The Interim Order Imposing License Restrictions remains in full force and effect as of the effective date of this Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order.

JURISDICTION

5. On April 29, 2019, Accusation No. 800-2018-044568 was filed before the Board and is currently pending against Respondent. A true and correct copy of Accusation No. 800-2018-044568 and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on April 29, 2019. A true and correct copy of Accusation No. 800-2018-044568 is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

6. Respondent has carefully read, and fully understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2018-044568. Respondent also has carefully read, and fully understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.

7. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel, at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

9. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 800-2018-044568, agrees that cause for action exists and hereby surrenders his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C 42869 for the Board's formal acceptance.

10. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate without notice to, or opportunity to be heard by, Respondent.

CONTINGENCY

11. Business and Professions Code section 2224, subdivision (b), provides, in pertinent part, that the Medical Board “shall delegate to its executive director the authority to adopt a ... stipulation for surrender of a license.”

12. Respondent understands that, by signing this stipulation, he enables the Executive Director of the Board to issue an order, on behalf of the Board, accepting the surrender of his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C 42869 without further notice to, or opportunity to be heard by, Respondent.

13. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Director on behalf of the Board. The parties agree that this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order shall be submitted to the Executive Director for her consideration in the above-entitled matter and, further, that the Executive Director shall have a reasonable period of time in which to consider and act on this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order after receiving it. By signing this stipulation, Respondent fully understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind this stipulation prior to the time the Executive Director, on behalf of the Medical Board, considers and acts upon it.

14. The parties agree that this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order shall be null and void and not binding upon the parties unless approved and adopted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board, except for this paragraph, which shall remain in full

1 force and effect. Respondent fully understands and agrees that in deciding whether or not to
2 approve and adopt this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order, the Executive
3 Director and/or the Board may receive oral and written communications from its staff and/or the
4 Attorney General's Office. Communications pursuant to this paragraph shall not disqualify the
5 Executive Director, the Board, any member thereof, and/or any other person from future
6 participation in this or any other matter affecting or involving respondent. In the event that the
7 Executive Director on behalf of the Board does not, in her discretion, approve and adopt this
8 Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order, with the exception of this paragraph, it
9 shall not become effective, shall be of no evidentiary value whatsoever, and shall not be relied
10 upon or introduced in any disciplinary action by either party hereto. Respondent further agrees
11 that should this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order be rejected for any reason
12 by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board, Respondent will assert no claim that the
13 Executive Director, the Board, or any member thereof, was prejudiced by its/his/her review,
14 discussion and/or consideration of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order or
15 of any matter or matters related hereto.

16 **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

17 15. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties
18 herein to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final and exclusive embodiment of
19 the agreements of the parties in the above-entitled matter.

20 16. The parties agree that copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary
21 Order, including copies of the signatures of the parties, may be used in lieu of original documents
22 and signatures and, further, that such copies shall have the same force and effect as originals.

23 17. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree the
24 Executive Director of the Board may, without further notice to or opportunity to be heard by
25 Respondent, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order on behalf of the Board:

26 **ORDER**

27 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C 42869, issued
28 to Respondent Shreedhar Ramesh Abhyankar, M.D., is surrendered and accepted by the Board.

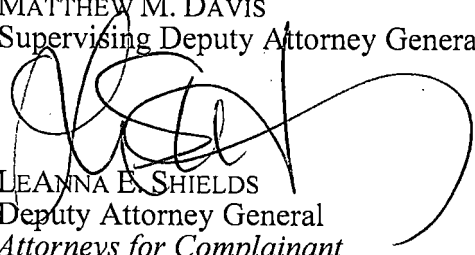
ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted
for consideration by the Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Dated: 6-7-19

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 800-2018-044568

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A C C U S A T I O N

19 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate
20 No. C 42869,

21 Respondent.

22 Complainant alleges:

23 **PARTIES**

24 1. Kimberly Kirchmeyer (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official
25 capacity as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer
26 Affairs (Board).

27 2. On or about May 21, 1991, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's
28 Certificate No. C 42869 to Shreedhar Ramesh P. Abhyankar, M.D. (Respondent). Physician's
and Surgeon's Certificate No. C 42869 was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the
charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2020, unless renewed.

3. On March 22, 2019, an Interim Order was issued imposing a restriction on Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C 42869, requiring Respondent to continue psychiatric treatment pending further order from the Medical Board of California.

JURISDICTION

4. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.

5. Section 2227 of the Code states:

“(a) A licensee whose matter has been heard by an administrative law judge of the Medical Quality Hearing Panel as designated in Section 11371 of the Government Code, or whose default has been entered, and who is found guilty, or who has entered into a stipulation for disciplinary action with the board, may, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter:

“(1) Have his or her license revoked upon order of the board.

“(2) Have his or her right to practice suspended for a period not to exceed one year upon order of the board.

“(3) Be placed on probation and be required to pay the costs of probation monitoring upon order of the board.

“(4) Be publicly reprimanded by the board. The public reprimand may include a requirement that the licensee complete relevant educational courses approved by the board.

“(5) Have any other action taken in relation to discipline as part of an order of probation, as the board or an administrative law judge may deem proper.

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1 6. Section 822 of the Code states:

2 “If a licensing agency determines that its licentiate’s ability to practice his or
3 her profession safely is impaired because the licentiate is mentally ill, or physically ill
4 affecting competency, the licensing agency may take action by any one of the
5 following methods:

6 “(a) Revoking the licentiate’s certificate or license.

7 “(b) Suspending the licentiate’s right to practice.

8 “(c) Placing the licentiate on probation.

9 “(d) Taking such other action in relation to the licentiate as the licensing agency
10 in its discretion deems proper.

11 “The licensing section shall not reinstate a revoked or suspended certificate or
12 license until it has received competent evidence of the absence or control of the
13 condition which caused its action and until it is satisfied that with due regard for the
14 public health and safety the person’s right to practice his or her profession may be
15 safely reinstated.”

16 **SECTION 822 CAUSE FOR ACTION**

17 **(Mental Illness Affecting Competency)**

18 7. Respondent is subject to action under section 822 of the Code in that his ability to
19 practice medicine safely is impaired due to mental illness affecting competency, as more
20 particularly alleged hereinafter:

21 8. From on or about September 2017, through on or about May 2018, according to
22 employee records from JFK Memorial Hospital (JFKMH), Respondent engaged in six (6)
23 separate incidents of bizarre and irrational behavior in his medical treatment or interactions with
24 patients, family members of patients, and hospital staff.

25 9. From on or about May 1, 2018, through on or about May 5, 2018, Respondent was
26 hospitalized for altered mental status and diagnosed with bipolar disorder.

27 10. In or around 2018, Respondent was evaluated and treated by numerous physicians
28 and a psychologist for bipolar disorder.

1 11. On or about May 17, 2018, JFKMH accepted Respondent's voluntary leave of
2 absence during which time Respondent had been the subject of a Focused Professional Practice
3 Evaluation with JFKMH due to his recent bizarre behavior.

4 12. On or about August 27, 2018, Respondent agreed to undergo a voluntary mental and
5 physical evaluation by Board-appointed physicians.

6 13. On or about December 4, 2018, a Board-appointed psychiatrist (N.L.) reviewed
7 Respondent's medical records and performed a face-to-face evaluation of Respondent. After
8 concluding his review and evaluation of Respondent, N.L. found that Respondent's clinical
9 evaluation and history were consistent with a diagnosis of bipolar disorder with florid mania.
10 N.L. further determined Respondent required continued psychiatric treatment in order to practice
11 medicine safely.

12 14. On or about January 30, 2019, a Board-appointed neurologist (L.L.) reviewed
13 Respondent's medical records and performed a face-to-face evaluation of Respondent. After
14 concluding his review and evaluation of Respondent, L.L. found that Respondent's clinical
15 evaluation and history were consistent with a diagnosis of bipolar disorder. L.L. further
16 determined Respondent required continued psychiatric treatment in order to practice medicine
17 safely.

18 PRAYER

19 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
20 and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:

21 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C 42869, issued to
22 Respondent Shreedhar Ramesh Abhyankar, M.D.;

23 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Respondent Shreedhar Ramesh
24 Abhyankar, M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;

25 3. Ordering Respondent Shreedhar Ramesh Abhyankar, M.D., if placed on probation, to
26 pay the Board the costs of probation monitoring; and


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4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: April 29, 2019


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